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Hello! I'm writing to you because I believe the proposed settlement is a slap on the wrist for Microsoft and a kick in the face to everyone else. Even now, they are still doing the things there were dragged into court for. Notice MSN Messenger in Windows XP? Or the Passport buggings?

I use Linux as my primary operating system. I actually do have a small (3 gigs of a 60 gig hard drive) Windows partition for the game EverQuest, which refuses to support Linux. That's the only problem... no companies have any compelling reason to support any operating system other than Windows. Untill support comes around, nobody is going to move to Linux or any other operating system.

Microsoft is doing everything it can to stop that. Take for instance the lack of Java support in Windows XP. They want web pages to use their own language, "ActiveX", because they are the only ones who are able to write support for it. No browser can interperate ActiveX other than Internet Explorer. And Internet Explorer only happends on Windows (and maybe Mac, not sure). If web pages want to work with Windows XP, they have no choice but to break compatibility with other OSs.

Microsoft has contened to show that it cannot be trusted, again and again. It gives this great nation a bad name, and that is the truly sad part. Please, do not let the war on Terrorism be Microsoft's "get out of jail free" card... because, arguably, the war on Terrorism should include Microsoft.

Thank you for your time
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